

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO DENY ANTIDGRADATION DEMONSTRATION**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 2012 – 8B – ADD**

**NOTICE DATE: AUGUST 8, 2012**

**RESPONSE DATE DUE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

Applicant: **HUNTERTOWN (town) WWTP**, (Permit No. not yet assigned), ALLEN COUNTY, 15617 Lima Road, Huntertown, Indiana 46748.

I. Type of Request: New Discharge of Treated Sanitary Wastewater: Huntertown submitted an AntiDegradation demonstration to IDEM requesting the following: a) to discontinue sending sanitary wastewater to Fort Wayne (city) WWTP for final treatment & disposal; b) to build a new treatment & disposal plant; and, c) to increase the number of households being provided sanitary sewer service within the town.

II. Tentative Determination: On the basis of extensive staff review of all information submitted by the Town, and interested persons including the application of pertinent standards and regulations, IDEM proposes to deny the AntiDegradation demonstration in accordance with 327 IAC 2-1.3-6(d)(1) which states: *“The Commissioner shall deny some or all of the request to significantly lower water quality if one (1) or more of the following applies: (1) The activity that would cause the lowering of water quality is not necessary because cost-effective measures that would prevent or minimize the proposed lowering of water quality are reasonably available but the person proposing the new or increased loading has chosen not to implement these measures.”*

The Town of Huntertown has not demonstrated that a new discharge from a new sanitary wastewater treatment plant, that would result in a significant lowering of water quality in Geller Ditch, is necessary because cost effective measures that would prevent the proposed lowering of water quality are reasonably available by continuing to send their sanitary wastewater to the City of Fort Wayne.

III. IDEM Contact Person: Mr. Steve Roush, Office of Water Quality /NPDES Permits Branch, 100 N. Senate Av, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251, at 317/233-5747 or [sroush@idem.in.gov](mailto:sroush@idem.in.gov). Published in the Journal-Gazette.

Comments/Public Hearing: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, or request a Public Meeting, in regard to the tentative decision to deny the AntiDegradation demonstration. All comments or requests should be sent to the attention of Mr. Steve Roush at the above address and must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the public notice date. Any request for a Public Meeting shall be made in writing and shall include: the name and address of the person making the request, the interest of the person making the request, persons represented by the person making the request, the reason for the request and the issues proposed for consideration at the Meeting. If a Public Meeting is scheduled, a Public Notice will be published at least 10 days prior to the Public Meeting in at least one newspaper in the geographical area of the discharge and sent to those persons submitting comments. All comments received during the Public Notice period will be considered.

V. Additional Information: The AntiDegradation demonstration is available for review at IDEM, 12th flr/rm 1203, at the above address, between 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m., M - F, excluding state holidays (copies 10¢ per page). Copies of the documents are also available via Email request.

VI. Notice of Final Permit Determination: IDEM will provide notice of the final determination on the AntiDegradation demonstration to all persons who submit comments or who request notice of the final determination. Persons wishing to receive notice of the final determination who do not submit written comments must submit a written request for such notice to Mr. Steve Roush as listed under Section III.